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Applicant : Lilip Lau, Bill Hartigan
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CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

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Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/634,043 filed August 8, 2000, the issue fee for which was mailed to the Office on October 15, 2003. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to examining the application.

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